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I believe that I am an original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **FLUORESCENT IMAGE CALIBRATION STEP WEDGE, AND USE THEREOF IN ILLUMINATION FOR FLUORESCENT IMAGING AND AUTOMATIC EXPOSURE**, the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understood the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

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